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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, OECD

SUBJECT: JAPANESE ODA PLEDGE

1. ROMBERG HAS PASSED TO HENRY OWEN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
JAPANESE EMBASSY'S MESSAGE THAT ODA MATTER "IS CLOSED"
(SEPTEL). OWEN SAID THE JAPANESE HAVE RECEIVED HIS
"INTERNAL CALCULATIONS" AND SO NOW "THERE IS NOTHING
MORE TO DO".

2. WHILE OWEN SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THE FACT OF JAPANESE
SENSITIVITY, HE SAID THAT EVERYONE'S AID PROGRAM IS
DISCUSSED IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF OECD,
AND HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THE JAPANESE WERE SOMEWHAT
INCORRECT TO STATE THAT THE MATTER WAS "CLOSED". WE HAVE
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ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO LIAISE WITH OUR OECD HANDLERS TO
BE SURE WE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE PRESSURE THERE FOR BILATERAL
PRESSURE.

3. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY NEED FOR YOU TO TAKE
FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME. BUT IF THE SITUATION STARTS
TO GET OUT OF HAND AGAIN I WILL NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON

YOU. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SENSITIVITY TO THESE
ISSUES AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LEND YOUR PERSONAL PRESTIGE
TO THEIR MANAGEMENT.

4. REGARDS. VANCE

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